

Serial No. 09/050,614
Amendment C

Clean Version of Claims 19 and 20

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19 (Three Times Amended). A blood processing assembly comprising
an arcuate centrifuge channel defined between inner and outer walls which, in use, are
rotated about a rotational axis to create a centrifugal field,
an elongated processing container having a dimension measured about the rotational axis
that is larger than a dimension measured along the rotational axis, the processing container also
having flexibility and which, in use, occupies the arcuate centrifuge channel,
tubing integrally connected to the processing container to convey blood from a source into
the processing container to convey fluids within the arcuate centrifuge channel in a circumferential
path about the rotation axis for separation in the centrifugal field, and
a carrier secured to the processing container when outside the arcuate centrifuge channel
and being shaped to maintain the processing container when outside the arcuate centrifuge channel
in a rounded, flexed condition conforming to the arcuate centrifuge channel, the carrier limiting
deformation of the processing container during insertion into or removal from the arcuate centrifuge
channel.

20 (Not Amended). A blood processing assembly according to claim 19
wherein the tubing includes an umbilicus.

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Marked Up Version of Amended Claim 19

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an arcuate centrifuge channel defined between inner and outer walls which, in use, are
rotated about a rotational axis to create a centrifugal field,

an elongated processing container having a dimension measured about the rotational axis
that is larger than a dimension measured along the rotational axis, the processing container also
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a carrier secured to the processing container when outside the arcuate centrifuge channel
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in a rounded, flexed condition conforming to the arcuate centrifuge channel, the carrier limiting
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channel.

20 (Not Amended). A blood processing assembly according to claim 19
wherein the tubing includes an umbilicus.